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SUBJ: KOREAN QUESTION - SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

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SUMMARY: GSTP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS INSTRUCTED UN REP TO SUPPORT HOSTILE RESOLUTION. PRIMIN TROVOADA, WHO PERSONALLY SUPPORTS ROK POSITION, WILL ENDEAVOR KEEP GSTP REP AWAY FROM UNGA UNTIL AFTER CRUCIAL VOTES, BUT NOT SANGUINE HIS TACTIC WILL SUCCEED. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK UN DELEGATE (AND AMBASSADOR TO GABON AND GSTP) KIM MADE FLYING VISIT TO SAO TOME FROM NEW YORK OCTOBER 22-23 TO LOBBY GSTP ON KOREAN QUESTION. ACCORDING ROK CHARGE HERE, KIM'S RECEPTION IN SAO TOME WAS VERY COLD, AND HE WAS ONLY ABLE TO SEE PRIMIN TROVOADA AND TO SPEAK BRIEFLY WITH PRESIDENT DA COSTA AND MIN HEALTH DA GRACA.

2. TROVOADA TOLD KIM THAT FOLLOWING RECEPTION OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES FROM BOTH KOREAS ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO, GSTP COUNCIL OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESIDENT AND NINE MINISTERS MET AND CONSIDERED KOREAN

QUESTION. MAJORITY OF MINISTERS SUPPORTED NORTH KOREAN POSITION. THEREFORE, COUNCIL DECIDED TO LET ORIGINAL INSTRUCTIONS STAND TO UN REP. AMORIN TO VOTE WITH MAJORITY OF GROUP OF MOZAMBIQUE, CAPE VERDE AND GUINEA-BISSAU. KIM FEELS SURE OF SUPPORT OF PRIMIN TROVOADA AND MIN HEALTH DA GRACA AND BELIEVES PRESIDENT DA COSTA ALSO FAVORS ROK, BUT SEES OTHER SEVEN MINISTERS AS NEUTRAL OR SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA.

3. TROVOADA ALSO TOLD KIM THAT, ACTING OUT OF PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, HE HAD ARRANGED FOR GSTP'S UN REP AMORIN TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO GOP IN LISBON OCT 20 TO AVOID HER VOTING AGAINST ROK'S POSITION. KIM ASKED TROVOADA TO KEEP AMORIN OUT OF NEW YORK UNTIL NOV 15; TROVOADA SAID HE WOULD DO HIS BEST, BUT NOT SURE THIS POSSIBLE.

4. AS IRONIC NOTE, NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION WAS WAITING AT LIBREVILLE AIRPORT WHEN KIM RETURNED FROM SAO TOME TO TAKE SAME CHARTER PLANE BACK TO STP. ACCORDING TO ROK CHARGE, NORTH KOREANS HAD ALREADY MADE TWO EARLIER TRIPS TO SAO TOME IN OCT.

5. COMMENT: EARLIER INDICATIONS OF SPLIT IN GSTP NOW APPEAR CONFIRMED OVER KOREAN RESOLUTION, UNFORTUNATELY, TO OUR DIS-ADVANTAGE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR, WHO DISCUSSED KOREAN QUESTION WITH GSTP LAST WEEK, FOUND SAME SITUATION AS REPORTED BY ROK REPS, AND AGREES BEST WE CAN HOPE FOR ON THIS ISSUE IS ABSENCE FROM VOTE OF AMORIN. STEIGMAN

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